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SUBJ: BJORK KIDNAPPING

REF: SAN SALVADOR 4349, SAN SALVADOR 4327

1. EMBASSY HAS HAD NO CONTACT WITH SWEDISH OFFICIALS OR
E.M. ERICSSON EMPLOYEES SINCE BRIEF AUGUST 21 CHANCE MEETING
WITH AMBASSADOR HELLERYD.

2. LOCAL PRESS HAS GIVEN EXTENSIVE COVERAGE TO AP AND OTHER

STORIES APPEARING IN SWEDISH PRESS WHICH IDENTIFY FARN AS KIDNAPPERS
WITH REFERENCES TO "FOREIGN IMPERIALISM", MATSUMOTO KIDNAPPING
AND FACT THAT FARN MANIFESTO PRINTED IN VARIOUS PARTS OF WORLD.
THERE HAVE BEEN, HOWEVER, NO QUOTES FROM ANIFESTO IN LOCAL
PRESS.

3. AUGUST 22 ALL FIVE SAN SALVADOR NEWSPAPERS CONTAINED FULL
PAGE WHICH WAS BLANK WITH EXCEPTION OF SMALL CAPTION STATING
"SPACE RESERVED BY E.M. ERICSSON CO.". AFTERNOON
AUGUST 22 AMBASSADOR HELLERYD WAS ALLOWED TO SPEAK ON NATIONAL
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RADIO NETWORK AND STATED THAT SWEDISH GOVERNMENT AND ERICSSON
CO. HAD DONE ALL THEY COULD TO MEET FARN DEMANDS
FOR PUBLISHING MANIFESTO, BUT GOES HAD REFUSED PERMISSION.
SMALLER ADS IN LOCH PRESS AUGUST 22 AND 23 CONTAINED APPEAL
SIGNED BY BJORHJS WIFE AND CHILDREN ALSO STATING THAT THEY
HAD DONE EVERYTHING IN THEIR POWER TO COMPLY WITH FARN
DEMANDS AND MADE EMOTIONAL APPEAL FOR BJORK'S RELEASE.

4. 8:45 AM AUGUST 23 BJORK'S WIFE AGAIN BORROWED CAR OF U.S. EMBASSY EMPLOYEE USED IN AUGUST 19 DELIVERY OF FIRST HALF RANSOM DEMAND (\$400,000) SEE REFTEL). U.S. EMPLOYEE HAD RECEIVED CALL LATE EVENING AUGUST 22 THAT CAR MAY BE NEEDED AGAIN. CAR RETURNED APPROXIMATELY 12 NOON WITH REMAINING \$400,000 PRESUMABLY DELIVERED TO KIDNAPPERS. WIFE, SWEDISH GOVERNMENT AND ERICSSON CO. OFFICIALS HAVE MADE NO SIGNIFICANT COMMENT TO EMBASSY, GOES OR PRESS.

5. COMMENT: WITH EXCEPTION OF FAILURE TO HAVE MANIFESTO PUBLISHED LOCALLY, ERICSSON COMPANY HAS NOW FULFILLED ALL DEMANDS THAT EMBASSY AWARE OF FOR BJORK'S RELEASE. POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT ADDITIONAL DEMANDS MAY HAVE BEEN LEVIED AT TIME OF PRESUMED DELIVERY OF REMAINING RANSOM (AUGUST 23). IF NOT, WE BELIEVE CHANCE (BUT NO ASSURANCE) THAT BJORK WILL BE RELEASED TONIGHT OR TOMORROW AND WILL UNDOUBTEDLY LEAVE EL SALVADOR AT ONCE.
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